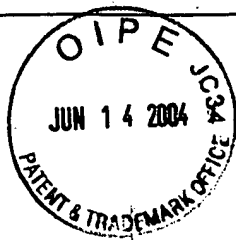


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Art Unit: 1634  
Examiner: C.J. Myers  
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Re: U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/819,091 filed February 16, 2000  
Inventors: Yongwei CAO *et al.*  
Title: Plant Genomic Sequences and Uses Thereof  
Atty. Dkt: 16517.124

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) are the following documents:

1. Response to Office Action mailed March 12, 2004; and
2. Return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier.

In the event that extensions of time beyond those petitioned for herewith are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned. Applicants do not believe any additional fees are due in conjunction with this filing. However, if any fees are required in the present application, including any fees for extensions of time, then the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Arnold & Porter LLP Deposit Account No. 50-2387, referencing docket number 16517.124. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures



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In reply to the Office Action mailed March 12, 2004 (hereinafter the "Office Action"), Applicants submit the following amendment and remarks.